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REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Mr. Brett B. Butler
StarKist Samoa, Inc.
P.O. Box 368
Pago Pago, Tutuila
American Samoa 96799

JAN 2 2008

RE: Draft Fact Sheet and Permit for StarKist Samoa, Inc.,
NPDES Permit No. AS0000019

Dear Mr. Butler:

Please find enclosed a copy of a fact sheet and draft permit for the proposed action to reissue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit for:

StarKist Samoa, Inc.,
Atu'u, Maoputasi
American Samoa 96799.

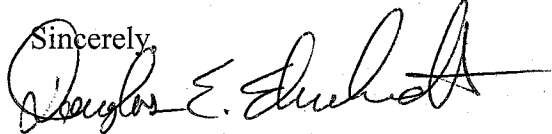
The public comment period is from January 2 to January 31, 2008. Comments on the proposed action, or a request for a public hearing pursuant to 40 CFR 124.12, may be submitted to the addresses listed within 30 days following the initial date of the public notice. All persons must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting their position by the close of the public comment period on January 31, 2008. In accordance with 40 CFR 124.12, the EPA Director shall hold a public hearing whenever she finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. The EPA Director may also hold a public hearing when, for instance, such a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in the permit decision. Public notice of such hearing shall be given as specified in 40 CFR 124.10. Comments on the draft permit may be submitted either in person or mailed to:

Regional Administrator
EPA - Region IX
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Director
ASEPA
P.O. Box PPA
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

All comments received by the end of the public comment period shall be considered in making the final permit decision.

If you have any questions regarding the draft permit or permitting process, please contact Mr. Carl Goldstein by telephone at (415) 972-3767 or electronic mail at goldstein.carl@epa.gov.

Sincerely,


Doug Eberhardt, Chief
Clean Water Act Standards and Permits Office

Enclosures (2)

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